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TO: [REDACTED] DIRECTOR.

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MCAFEE'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT RAMIRO DE LEON CARPIO RE BAMACA CASE

1. [REDACTED]
2. ON 25 NOVEMBER 1994 PRESIDENT RAMIRO DE LEON CARPIO CALLED AMBASSADOR MCAFEE TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE FOR A MEETING RELATED TO THE BAMACA CASE.

[REDACTED] PRESIDENT DE LEON ASKED THE AMBASSADOR REPEATEDLY FOR THE HELP OF THE USC IN CONTROLLING THE EFFECTS OF THE BAMACA CASE TO PREVENT SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE ONGOING PEACE PROCESS BETWEEN THE URNG AND THE GOG. HE PROMISED NOT TO IMPEDE THE REENTRY OF JENNIFER HARBURY INTO GUATEMALA OR TO TAKE ANY OTHER NEGATIVE ACTION ON THE CASE. NONETHELESS, HE SAID THE BAMACA CASE IS GETTING OUT OF HAND AND IS CAUSING SERIOUS DAMAGE BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE GUATEMALA. HE SUGGESTED THAT HE MIGHT TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON FOR A SHORT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CLINTON TO EXPLAIN THE DANGERS IN THE SITUATION AND TO SEEK HIS PERSONAL HELP. "I NEED YOUR HELP", HE SAID, "I SEE THINGS GOING BAD. I CAN'T PREDICT WHAT THE RESULTS WILL BE WITHOUT YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND HELP."

3. AMBASSADOR MCAFEE REQUESTS THAT LA DIVISION COORDINATE WITH ANN PATERSON AT STATE [REDACTED] ON THE BAMACA CASE AND BRIEF HPSCI AND SSCI STAFFERS, NSC STAFFER FEINBERG, AND (IF POSSIBLE) SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE STAFFER DAN FISK ON THE LARGER IMPLICATIONS OF THE BAMACA CASE AS OUTLINED IN REF AND FAXED STATE MESSAGE.

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